Phillips College

Delivered May 31. 1800.
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Gentlemen

The Candidates for degrees in medicine who now appear before ~~you~~ us have spent the usual time required by the laws of our University in attending the different medical lectures, and have undergone the usual private examination upon all its branches. As the last test and evidence of their abi=
=lities and knowledge, they have pre=
=pared dissertations upon medical subjects, which they now come forward to defend against such Objections as shall be made to them by their professors. It has been said by the celebrated Dr

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Adam Smith that "Universities are the dull repositories of exploded opinions" — However true this may be in some European ~~Universities~~ Universities, the opinions entertained in the dispensations now before us, clearly prove that the censure does not apply to the University of Pennsylvania. — No restraint is ~~lai~~ here laid upon the boldness and originality of genius, and the candidates are permitted to believe and defend such opinions as accord with their own judgments in their dissertations however contrary they may be to the opinions taught by their professors provided they exhibit nothing in them contrary to decency & good manners.

Dissertations

Of that proportion of ~~these~~ which has fallen to my share to examine, I can say without pleasure they are ~~written~~ well composed. - Some of them contain original matter, and all of them if published, would justify the Professors of Medicine in recommending ~~these~~ this auditors to the Trustees ~~for as~~ as proper subjects for the highest medical honor of our Country.

I shall now ~~to take~~ make ~~notice of the~~ a few remarks upon each of them.

of strength, but of such an impulse upon the moving fibres as to prostate them below the point of reaction. The opinion leads further to chuse such remedies for removing this debility, as open stimulus, before we attempt to exhibit stimu=
=lating medicines.

~~After [illegible] active principal~~
Of both ~~of each of~~ these theses, I am happy in being able to say, that I have ~~derived instruction~~ ~~no objections to~~ ~~no~~ derived instruction from ~~them~~. reading them. They discover much ~~[illegible]~~ keenness, and ~~information upon the general~~ great ~~[illegible]~~ strength of reasoning powers. ~~not~~ I shall however ask each of them a question or two, chiefly to give them an opportunity of shewing their further acquaintance with their respective subjects.